

KILLING FOR SPORT.

A pretty picture they make in the boat. Dring along by the river side...

MARY'S BIRTHDAY.

Mary sang softly as she busied herself about the supper. The steaming kettle voiced a tender accompaniment to the song...

John believe that he was securing a wonderful bargain, and when he had come out of the shop he had added another bundle to his load.

"Won't she be surprised when she opens this package," he thought, as he hastened on!

Two Jews, with many shrugs and movements of the hands talked volubly of some transaction they had taken that day.

For a number of squares others got aboard, and soon the platform was filled with a larger sprinkling of working men, with gaily hands and faces.

"Oh, no, sir," she said gratefully. "You have so many bundles to carry. Don't give up your seat to me. I can stand."

"Well and hearty," responded John. "You never saw anything grow like the boy does. To-morrow's Mary's birthday, and I thought I would take a day off, and rest up a bit."

"That's about the way of it," said the conductor with a laugh; and turned to speak to someone else.

John shifted some of his bundles so that his left arm would be free. The car was going slower on an upgrade now, and by getting off a little distance beyond, where the track curved, he could save considerable time, and reach home much earlier than to go on to the next crossing, so he grasped the iron rail at the side of the car and swung himself off.

The Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Two proposed amendments to the Constitution will come before the people at the November election, for their approval. One of these amendments, known as the "Registration Amendment," is in the interest of personal registration.

Section 1. Qualifications of Electors. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact.

Section 2. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month. He shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native born citizen of the State, he shall have removed there and returned, then six months), immediately preceding the election.

Section 3. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

Section 4. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election.

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Compulsory Education Law.

Attention to the new Compulsory Education act has been frequently called in these columns, but it will be some time before school boards, teachers and the public will be familiar with its workings.

A provision has somewhat interfered with its usefulness. The law is now in full force and effect, although unfamiliarity with its provisions has somewhat interfered with its usefulness.

Teachers and parents are made liable to punishment by fine and imprisonment for the violation for the provisions of the new law, but notice must be given to parents by superintendents or school board secretaries of their liability to the penalty, and parents shall have opportunity, by compliance with the requirements of the act within three school days to avoid the imposition of the penalty named.

Foreigners in Japan are complaining about the bathing regulations made by the Japanese authorities. A writer in the Kobe Herald is especially hard on Japanese prudery.

The tallest man in the world, as he claims, has been visiting different places in Maine and has attracted great attention. His name is Edward Beupre, and his exact height when standing in his stocking feet is 7 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Spanked Out of a Death Stupor. Doctor Saved a Would-be Suicide in Good Old Nursery Fashion.

Pigned because his fiancée broke off her engagement on account of his intemperance. Frank Johnson stepped into a clothes closet at the home of her mother, Mrs. Kate Seaman, of Cortland, N. Y., and drank laudanum.

By the time the doctor arrived Johnson was in a stupor, and he began to spasm him vigorously. Johnson responded to the treatment and was able presently to swallow the medicine offered him.

Slow Death By Lightning. The death of J. Andrew Cullum, of Ridge Spring, Lexington county, Ga., from a stroke of lightning received two months ago, is remarkable.

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A Shade Tree Menace.

The Elm Tree Beetle is Much in Evidence.

As usual, that pest of one of our finest shade trees, the elm tree beetle, is very much in evidence. Glance at any of this species and numerous punctures in every leaf and the hosts of larvae at the base of the trunk tell the old story of destruction, with which we are all acquainted.

The harmful elm beetle can be controlled easily if proper measures are taken at the right time. Two or three sprays with arsenical poisons will do the business.

It deserves to be stated that the European elm is much more generally attacked than the American variety, the leaves of the former being thinner and smoother and more acceptable to the beetle.

The following dispatch from Vancouver, British Columbia, under date of Tuesday, is of considerable interest as a news item, and besides may have a local connection.

The line is 2,200 miles long and part of the route is taken by an abandoned line originally projected for the Collins overland route in 1865. It was to connect America with Europe, when the successful laying of the Atlantic cable killed the enterprise.

Nicknames of American Cities. For years Buffalo's claim to the name, Queen City of the Lakes, has been hotly contested by Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and even Duluth, but no one could lay claim to the Bison City, by which it has often been designated.

One Tombstone for Two Wives. "I used to say I'd haunt anybody who called me a 'relict' in case I became a widow," said the girl who had just come back from the South to a writer in a Washington newspaper, "but now I've seen something which makes 'relict' sweet to my ears, though it was not of a widow it was written. I'd rather live a relict twenty years than escape that title by lying beneath such a tombstone as I saw down South—in Savannah. I think it was. It was a tall, white marble slab, and on it was inscribed:

"Sacred to the memory of Jane Jackson—I don't quote the real names, you understand—beloved wife of John Smith, and Louisa Jones, his second wife, beloved also."

"If Jane and Louisa don't haunt that man for his stinginess, it's because they can't; that's all."—Buffalo Commercial.

In West Virginia.

The Experience of a Minister in the Mountain Wilds.

A Baltimore young lady, just back from a vacation tells this one: "Way back in the mountains of West Virginia, a Presbyterian minister some time ago fell in with some people who seemed to be well fitted for the missionary efforts on which he was bent. He had been riding nearly all day, and late in the afternoon came upon a cabin, set in the midst of a woodland. Near the door was a spare, straight haired woman, who gazed at him curiously. The minister spoke to her courteously and made some inquiries regarding the neighborhood. Her husband was a hunter, the woman said.

"And is he a God fearing man?" asked the preacher. "I reckon so," came the slow reply, "cause he always takes his gun with him."

Russia's Vast Grain Area. Fertile Plain in Siberia Twice as Large as Japan. The Trans-Siberian road has been engineered so that it runs through the richest part of the territory, writes Rev. Peter MacQueen in Leslie's Weekly.

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Telegraph to Klondike. A Line 2,200 Miles Long Reaches to the Gold Fields. The following dispatch from Vancouver, British Columbia, under date of Tuesday, is of considerable interest as a news item, and besides may have a local connection.

A Lake of Ink. The most unusual curiosity in this strange, uncanny land by the Colorado river is what the naturalists in California call a lake of ink. The scientific journals in Los Angeles and San Diego have discussed time and time again what the lake of ink really is. It is a great pool of a black fluid, that resembles black writing ink more than anything else. It is about an acre in area. The surface of the lake is protected with ash from the volcanoes of the thickness of about half a foot, and the explorer in these parts who is not looking out for this freak of nature would be very apt to walk into it. Surveyors have found that the lake is some 300 yards deep in some places, but no bottom can be found in others. There is nothing but theory as to the source of the supply of the lake, but no one seems to know the component parts of the acre of black fluid. The Indians say it is composed of the blood of had Indians who are suffering in their hell amid the volcanoes. Samples of the lake have been brought to Yuma and Los Angeles for tests and examination. It is good for common marking purposes. Cotton goods that have been soaked with the strange black fluid will be as white as snow, even when exposed to the sun, and the goods have a stiffness that is somewhat like weak starch. A gallon of the lake fluid was sent to the Smithsonian Institution the other day for analysis.—Indianapolis News.

Agitation for Good Roads. Some sage has said that the civilization of a country is shown by its roads. This being true, it is to be hoped that the agitation now making head in different parts of the country will not cease until we are as well provided for in this way as the best of the ancients. Of course, our railroads surpass all their facilities for transit, but if our ordinary roads were to be left as long without care as some of the prehistoric highways that have been discovered in various parts of the world, they would look like "the roads in Scotland before they were made." But there has already been progress, and the methods of Macadam, whom Scott referred to as the "Colossus of roads," are being applied in a modified form in every part of the country that boasts of gravel pits. Road building has become a science worthy the attention of the most skilled engineers, and experts are already abroad in the land. The Province of Ontario has for some years past been setting an example that might be followed with profit in our States. The government employs an engineer to oversee road building and to teach the art to all municipalities willing to learn. In this country the agitation has been left largely to interested parties, the bicyclists and automobile interests, but the good work is growing, as shown by the convention recently held in Buffalo.—Harper's Weekly.

The Parson's Lucky Day. A few days ago the Rev. Mr. Babcock, a Wesleyan Methodist minister of Couvers, Ind., brought his wife to Kokomo for treatment from a specialist. He had no money to pay for an operation, but after he left friends made up the amount and the operation was performed. Friday the Rev. Babcock returned and, not finding his wife at once, went out in the suburbs to an auction sale of lots, in which one lot was given free. The minister drew the free lot. On returning to the doctor's office he found his wife's sight completely restored. She had been blind ten years.

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